TIMBERSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th March 2024 at Timberscombe Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors K. Attwater (KA) - Chairwoman, K Walker (KW), A Sutton (AS), S Walker (SW), S. Campbell (SC), Flo Lloyd (FL), Ian Ware (IW), L. Webb (LW)- Clerk and one member of the public. Cllr F. Nicholson (FN) arrived at 8.30pm.

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	Questions from the public. None	
24/31	Apologies for Absence. Cllr. S.Pugsey (SP)	
24/32	Declarations of Notifiable Interests. None	
24/33	Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting held on 26 th February 2024.	
	Proposed by AS and seconded by SC. Accepted as a true record and signed by KA.	
24/34	Matters Arising.	
	(a) Holes Square sign had been produced. AS agreed to approach residents of	AS
	Holes Square to see if they might be able to put the sign up.	
	(b) Update on Wessex Water works. All seems to be going well and the	
	workmen have been very helpful.	
	(c) Dog Exclusion Order is being processed by Somerset Council. Once	
	complete they will provide wording for the signs. Temporary signage has	
	been put up by the clerk.	
	(d) The dog waste bin in The Glebe has been made secure. IW to look at a	IW
	more permanent solution.	
	(e) The dangerous tree at Wanneroo has now been taken down by ENP.	
	(f) Daffodil bulbs to be bought in autumn.	
24/35	Report by Somerset Councillors See end of meeting	
24/36	Highways A lot of potholes have been reported by the clerk. These have been	
	quickly repaired by the Council. Villagers are encouraged to do their own	
	reporting on the Somerset Council website "Report a problem on the road" page.	
	Parking is a particular problem at the moment. This has been made worse by	
	lorries working at The Old Malt House and a reportedly untaxed truck parked near	
	the green.	LW
	The clerk to check the truck and report if necessary.	
	An email from ENP was read out regarding an Enforcement Order against building	
	work at the Old Malt House. ENP "deemed the alleged works were not	
	considered expedient and the case was subsequently closed in March 2023". The	КА
	Parish Council will follow this up with ENP.	
24/37	Bridle Paths and Footpaths No new problems. Mr Pluck will be cutting the	
	remaining hedge around the playing fields and along the footpath next to Vicarage	
	Court as soon as it is dry enough.	
24/38	Finance Report.	
	a) Bank Reconciliation. The Parish Council currently has a Reserve Acct of	
	14,961.00, Current Acct £351.43, SOLDO Acct £40.82 giving a total of £	
	15,353.25 in the accounts. This is an increase of £3,401 on last year.	
	Further expenditure of approximately £3,500 is expected for a SID in the	
	summer. The grant applications for SIDs open in April.	

	 reported: (a) The Councillors have spoken to Jo Humble, of Somerset Council, regarding the Magna problems. She was happy to act as a conduit for village concerns but had no official brief to monitor Magna. The County Councillors have agreed to approach the Community Scrutiny committee to assess if they might be a more suitable body to deal with concerns. KA to follow up with SP and FN to establish which authority is responsible for holding Magna to account for their responsibilities to their tenants. LW has posted a letter on how to complain about Magna to all Glebe and Orchard residents. At least one resident has now taken his unresolved 	КА
24/45 24/35	Items for next agenda. None Report by Somerset Councillors. FN arrived at 8.30pm. County Councillor FN	
24/44	Chairman's Notices. None	
24/43	Report from other Representatives. KW reported on the Zoom meeting of the Somerset Bus Group. Most of the discussion was regarding Yeovil and Taunton services. There will be some reduction in the No 28 service from Minehead to Taunton. It was hoped that these busses would become electric in the future. KW circulated a reply from 10 Downing Street regarding the cuts in rural services. (Filed with these minutes) KA & KW to work together on how to improve local bus service.	KA & KW
24/42	 Correspondence. a) The Council had been offered a free portrait of the King. LW to apply. SC agreed to have the portrait in the Post Office. b) Email from Somerset Council had been received stating that sandbags for flood prevention would no longer be provided by them. Residents would have to purchase their own. c) The JAPF offer has been passed to the diocese. No response as yet. d) A request for a grant of £500 was made by the clerk on behalf of the Village Hall. The Village Hall are raising money for an emergency generator. The Village Hall has already pledged £500 towards the project. The clerk would apply to the Magna Community Improvement fund for the remainder of the money needed. It was unanimously resolved to pay £500 towards this project. 	LW
24/41	Village Environment Items AS, FL and KA to meet to discuss management of flooding in the village. AS expressed concern about excessive water flowing from the old quarry through his garden.	AS, FL and KA
24/40	Village Maintenance No new jobs. Mr Smythe has replaced the phone box light and cemented in the Willow Bank sign. More jobs on his list to do.	
24/39	d) No new invoices. Planning Applications and Decisions. None.	
	 A decision on future expenditure would be made once the accounts have been finalised for the last financial year. 	
	b) The only payments since the last meeting were £32.30 for the Holes Square sign, £86.39 for a new defib pad and £11.90 for the dog bin ties.	

(b) FN would investigate with Homefinder a report of a person being blocked from further applications for a home after turning down an incorrectly described Magna property. AS to supply details, if the resident is agreeable.	FN/AS
(c) It was reported that one resident had unresolved problems, made worse by his disability. The residents were unclear as to the extent of Magna's responsibilities. Timberscombe Good Neighbours to follow this problem up, if necessary.	LW
(d) Concern was expressed by SC that pupils between 16 and 18 did not receive help with travel costs despite being required to attend school or training. FN highlighted a number of iniquities in the system.	

Meeting finished at 9 pm.

Date of next meeting Monday 29th April 2024.